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WAR-RISK INSURANCE LAW CHANGED.

New Mexico State Council of Defense, Santa Fe
August 17, 1918.

To the County Councils of Defense and to members of the County Legal Committees:

The Council of National Defense has asked that we call your attention to the recent change in the War-Risk Insurance law as it affects the amount and payment of allotments and allowances.

In the past a compulsory allotment made by an enlisted man to his wife and children varied according to his rank and pay. The amount was not fixed. The only limits were a minimum of \$15 per month and a maximum of half the man's pay, the law specifying that it had to equal, if possible, the government allowance. This sliding scale arrangement was changed by an amendment to the War-Risk Insurance Act which became effective July 1st, 1918.

The Change.

Every enlisted man, regardless of rank or pay, in active service must allot \$15 per month from his pay to his wife and children. To these compulsory allotments the Government adds family allowances, ranging from \$5 a month for a motherless child, and \$15 for a wife

without children, up to a maximum of \$50.

Soldiers Can Make Voluntary Allotments.

In addition to the compulsory allotment of \$15 a month the enlisted man may also make voluntary allotments to his wife, his parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, or grandchildren, and if they are dependent upon him for support, the Government may add certain monthly family allowances.

If the soldier is already making a compulsory allotment to his wife, and children, he need allot only \$5 to his brothers, sisters, parents, grandparents or grandchildren. If he claims a family allowance for them. But if he is not making a compulsory allotment, he must allot \$15 to such other relatives to obtain Government allowance for them.

It must be kept in mind that hereafter the Bureau of War-Risk Insurance will pay allotments only when they carry with them the Government family allowances, and then only in the amounts required to support the allowances.


All other allotments will be paid by the branch of the military or naval service in which the man is enlisted. In other words, all excess allotments will be paid by the army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard directly.

Example.

Prior to the adoption of the amendment a sergeant making \$48 a month was compelled to allot \$24 a month to his wife and children. He is now required to allot only \$15, thus lopping \$9 off the check which the Bureau of War-Risk Insurance will send to his family. If the sergeant wishes to continue to allot \$24, the Bureau will pay the \$15, and the excess of \$9 will be paid by the War Department through the Quartermaster General.

This new system will speed up delivery of checks to dependent relatives.

It is important to give publicity to the fact that although in some cases the first check may be smaller than usual, there will probably



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be another check coming from a different department to make up the balance. The relatives should be urged to write to the enlisted man to find out how much he is allotting, and how much of this is paid through the Bureau of War-Risk Insurance, and how much through his own service department.

Yours very truly,

W. M. DANBURY,

General Secretary, New Mexico Council of Defense.

Certificate Not Part of Insurance.

The Treasury Department gives out the following in regard to the War-Risk Insurance:

"Persons who have been named as beneficiaries under the War-Risk Insurance but have not yet received their insurance certificates are reminded that these certificates are not essential to make the insurance protection effective. The certificates are merely evidence of the existence of the contract of insurance, and forms no part thereof. No apprehension should be felt by persons who have not yet received their certificates. They are being sent forward as rapidly as limited space and an unprecedented onrush of business will permit."

The services at the Methodist church yesterday morning were even more interesting than usual. Old hymns were sung and the pastor preached a fine sermon from the text: "Create in me a clean heart, Oh, God." Before the sermon Miss Mildred Walters very sweetly sang a solo the words of which were composed by Reverend Givan and set to music by a prominent composer. The title of the song will give an idea of the beauty of the words, but not of the melody which is very appealing: "Loved Ones all Shall Meet Again." is the title of the musical gem.

A. J. Crawford and Geo. V. Price returned yesterday from their trip to the plains country. Mr. Crawford reports everything in fine shape from Seagraves this way. There has been abundant rains in that section and grass is starting well. Mr. Crawford tells us they made almost the entire return trip in a rain.

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TEACHER'S INSTITUTE MEETING TODAY

The address delivered by Prof. J. S. Landers, of the State University at Albuquerque, before the teachers at the Institute is receiving merited praise from all sides. Professor Landers was sent as a substitute for Dr. Boyd, who is absent on some war work and could not be present. About 100 teachers and others were in attendance, the meeting being opened by an invocation by Rev. Lowry, followed by the singing of "America," with Mrs. A. A. Kaiser at the piano.

Mr. Poore made a short talk in regard to the new way of conducting the Institute which is on the Chautauqua plan, the same speakers lecturing at Roswell, Portales, Clovis and Ft. Sumner. He introduced Professor Landers, who spoke on "Democracy in Education" and who had the faculty not given to every lecturer of creating an inspiration in the minds and hearts of his hearers. In his talk he urged that more attention be paid to the State University than to the various normal schools of the state.

Much of the address was along the line of contrasts between the American educational system and the system of education in Germany. The latter country, he said, fails in character building; in instructing the pupils in the rights others; for there is no system of fair play; no honor system; instead the spy system among teachers and pupils is universal.

Socrates, the teacher, saw the value of individual life which is what teachers are for. Jesus Christ the great Teacher, did likewise. "We are facing the greatest year in promise, we have ever faced, the opportunity for the careful, conscientious teacher is greater than ever before, to teach the coming generation democratic citizenship. He defined education as a growth and development of the highest and best.

At the close, many renewed old acquaintance and a short social time was spent.

Tonight Prof. R. K. Morgan, of Fayetteville, Tennessee, will address the people.

Miss Wallis, a teacher from Dayton, who is a sister of Mrs. Culpepper, came down from her home and is attending the institute. Miss Wallis will again teach at Dayton, where she has taught for a number of years.

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COME OUT and meet the Eddy County Teachers. Don't forget that this program will continue throughout the week. Every day we will have two speakers. Tomorrow morning State Superintendent J. H. Wagner will speak. Also tomorrow afternoon. Tomorrow evening Dr. J. D. Sandifer, President of Simmons College, Abilene, Texas.

MEETINGS IN THE MORNING AT 8, IN THE EVENING AT 7:30.